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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 1811

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TAGS: CASC (SMITH, HUNTER)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: LETTERS

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1809

1. PETER STEINER CARRYING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, LETTERS FROM BARBARA SMUTS TO KIDNAPPERS AND TO THE STUDENT HOSTAGES. WE REQUEST EMBASSY BUJUMBURA TO PREPARE FRENCH TRANSLATIONS TO GIVE STEINER, SO THAT IF METHOD OF DELIVERING LETTERS IS WORKED OUT FRENCH TRANSLATIONS CAN ACCOMPANY THEM.

2. TEXT OF FIRST LETTER AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. MAY 30, 1975.
TO ALFRED AND THE MEMBERS OF THE P.R.P. I HAVE FOLLOWED YOUR INSTRUCTIONS VERY CLOSELY. ALL THE LETTERS WERE DELIVERED IMMEDIATELY. I HAVE FAITHFULLY DESCRIBED YOUR BELIEFS AND YOUR CAUSE TO THE PRESS, RADIO, AND TO MANY INDIVIDUALS. I HAVE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT YOU DID NOT MISTREAT MY FRIENDS OR MYSELF IN ANY WAY. UNFORTUNATELY, THE FILM WAS RUINED
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BY THE WATER AND THE PHOTOGRAPHS YOU TOOK DID NOT COME OUT.

I HOPE THAT ALL IS WELL AND THAT YOU WILL SOON BE ABLE TO LET MY FRIENDS RETURN. BARBARA SMUTS. UNQUOTE.

3. TEXT OF SECOND LETTER AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. MAY 30, 1975.

DEAR EMILIE, STEVE, AND CARRIE, THE GENTLEMAN WHO IS ARRIVING AS OUR MESSENGER IS PETER STEINER, A CLOSE FRIEND OF VERY DEAR FRIENDS OF MY PARENTS, AND A PROFESSOR OF LAW AND ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. THE PARENTS WHO ARE IN DAR ES SALAAM, DR. DAVE AND I HAVE SPENT MUCH TIME WITH HIM IN THE LAST DAYS AND WE HAVE COMPLETE TRUST IN HIM. HIS ONLY INTEREST IS IN OBTAINING YOUR SAFE RETURN. HE IS A TOTALLY HONEST MAN. YOU CAN PLACE ALL YOUR TRUST IN HIM. MY LOVE TO YOU ALL, AND SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO EM. BARB. P.S. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL VERY SOON. UNQUOTE.
CARTER

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